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Cumberland Island NS Announces Entrance Fee Increase for 2008

St. Marys, Georgia - Superintendent Jerre Brumbelow announced today that beginning January 1, 2008, Cumberland Island National Seashore proposes to increase its entrance fee from \$4.00 per person to \$7.00 per person, in accordance with the December 8, 2004 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, public law 108-447. This Act created a multi-agency fee authority for the National Park Service and four other Federal land agencies allowing them to retain the majority of the fee revenues collected at each site to be used for improvements related to visitor use and enjoyment.

All America the Beautiful – the National Parks as well as the Federal Recreational Lands Passes will be honored, as well as valid Golden Eagle Passports, Golden Age Passports, Golden Access Passports and Cumberland Island National Seashore Passports. The Act also defined persons 15 years and younger are not charged entrance fees.

Revenue collected at Cumberland Island has been used to fund museum exhibits, support visitor services, improve the reservation system, and to replace roofs on structures on Cumberland Island.

The National Park Service plans to raise entrance fees at 135 national parks during the next two years. The increases would be the broadest in the agency's history.

Any comments concerning the fee change should be sent to Chief Ranger Dennis Parsons at Dennis_Parsons@NPS.gov.

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